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From the Camp before Badajos, October 9. N. S.

ON the 30th paſt the Earl of Galway marched from Elvas to Fonte de Sappateros; and the next day his Lordſhip was joined near the little River Caya by the Portugueſe Forces under the Marquis das Minas. The 2d his Lordſhip paſſed that River, it being given out that we ſhould encamp near the Xevera; but his Lordſhip by degrees drew the Army over this laſt River alſo, and then paſſed the Guadiana, and inveſted the Town of Badajos, which is eſteemed one of the fineſt Marches that has been made, thus to paſs three Rivers, and inveſt a Town of this Conſequence, in one day; all which was performed with great Order, Secrecy and Expedition. Some of the Enemy's Squadrons were in ſight when we paſſed the Guadiana; but they retired before we could come up with them. The 4th at night we broke Ground, and carried our Trenches within 100 Paces of the Works of the Place, with the Loſs only of 9 Men. Our heavy Cannon arrived yeſterday from Elvas, and to morrow we ſhall finiſh a Battery of 40 Twenty four Pounders, and 12 great Mortars, which will be ready to play the next day. They fire but very little from the Town; and we do not doubt of being Maſters of it in a ſhort time, which in the Conſequence may put us in Poſſeſſion of the whole Province of Andaluſia. The Marſhal de Teſſe is encamped within two Leagues of us, near Talavera, with his Army, which as yet is not above 6000 ſtrong. Our Army conſiſts of 15000 Foot and 5000 Horſe, all very good Troops, and well appointed. We have a very good Train of Artillery, and no want of any thing: The Weather is at preſent very favourable. Our Camp is very advantagious and ſtrong; and we have made all our Faſcines, and have got all other Things in a readineſs for carrying on the Siege with all poſſible Vigour and Expedition.

Lisbon, October 13. N. S. Our Letters from the Frontiers give an Account, That the Confederate Forces being all joined the firſt Inſtant near the Caya, the Earl of Galway marched with them the next day, paſſed that River, the Xevera, and the Guadiana, and encamped before Badajos, where the Forces lay all night upon their Arms. The 3d they took Poſt before the Town. The 4th at night the Trenches were opened, wherein the Marquis de Montandre, who commanded as Major-General that week, did very good Service, and they are already carried forward within leſs than 100 Paces of the Wall of the Town, which has no Outworks. The ſix following days were ſpent in bringing up the heavy Cannon, making Bridges over the Guadiana, and Redoubts for the Security of our Forces poſted on the other ſide, and in preparing our Batteries, which were finiſhed the 10th, conſiſting of 42 Pieces of Cannon, and 12 Mortars, and began to play the 11th in the morning. There are in the Place two Regiments of Spaniſh Horſe, making together between 5 and 600 Men, and 13 Regiments of Spaniſh Foot, but ſo weak, that they do not amount to above 2500. They are ſaid to have been recruited from the Militia; and if this be true, may be near 4000 ſtrong: However we do not doubt of being Maſters of the Place in 8 or 10 days. The Enemy do not ſeem to be in a Condition to relieve it, the Marſhal de Teſſe, who is encamped at Talavera, about 8 Miles from Badajos, having not yet been able to get together above 9000 Men, among whom there may be about 6500 French. The Weather is very fair, which favours our Deſigns, and likely to continue ſo. Letters from Gibraltar of the 27th paſt ſay, That the Gariſon continued to repair the Fortifications of that Place; and that they perceived the Number of the Troops which the Enemy, when they raiſed the Siege, left at ſome diſtance from the Town, to prevent any Excurſions the Gariſon might make, was lately leſſened, part of them being, as was conjectured, marched into Arragon. By the means of a Ship which paſſed by Gibraltar the 27th, and left there ſome Letters from the Army before Barcelona, dated the 20th, we have an Account, That it being reſolved the 13th to attack the Caſtle of Montjuich, this Deſign was put in execution the next day with great Bravery, and good Succeſs; and the Loſs would have been inconſiderable, had not the Prince of Darmſtad been killed: Prince Henry his Brother narrowly eſcaped the ſame Fate, having received a Shot in his Hat. All the Outworks were taken, and the Caſtle it ſelf had been ſurrendred by the Spaniards who were in Gariſon there, if they had not been prevented by the Marquis of Risbourg's getting into it from the Town with a Reinforcement of French Soldiers. Our Troops then endeavoured to cut off the Communication between the Fort and the Town, and ſucceeded, in which Occaſion the Miquelets and Catalans behaved themſelves with a great deal of Bravery; but before this could be effected, the Marquis de Risbourg was got back into the Town. Our Men who were with the Prince of Darmſtad, upon his Highneſs's being killed, began to give Ground; but the Earl of Peterborough having notice of it, came immedialely and rallied them; and being animated by his Lordſhip's Preſence and Example, they beat the Enemy into the Fort, and lodged themſelves in all the Outworks. The 17th, one of our Bombs ſetting fire to their great Magazine, part of the Wall was thereby blown up, and the Governor, with ſeveral others, being buried under its Ruines, the reſt of the Gariſon, conſiſting of about 300 French Officers and Soldiers, immediately ſurrendred at Diſcretion. Our Forces were raiſing a Battery of 50 Guns, and hoped they ſhould ſoon make a Breach wide enough to give an Aſſault; the Fortifications in that part of the Town that is next Fort Montjuich, on which ſide they make their Attacks, being much weaker than in any other place: But it was generally believed the Governor would ſurrender before Matters came to that extremity.

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